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CRIVIAN

HOW  
HIV MEDICATIONS  
WORK

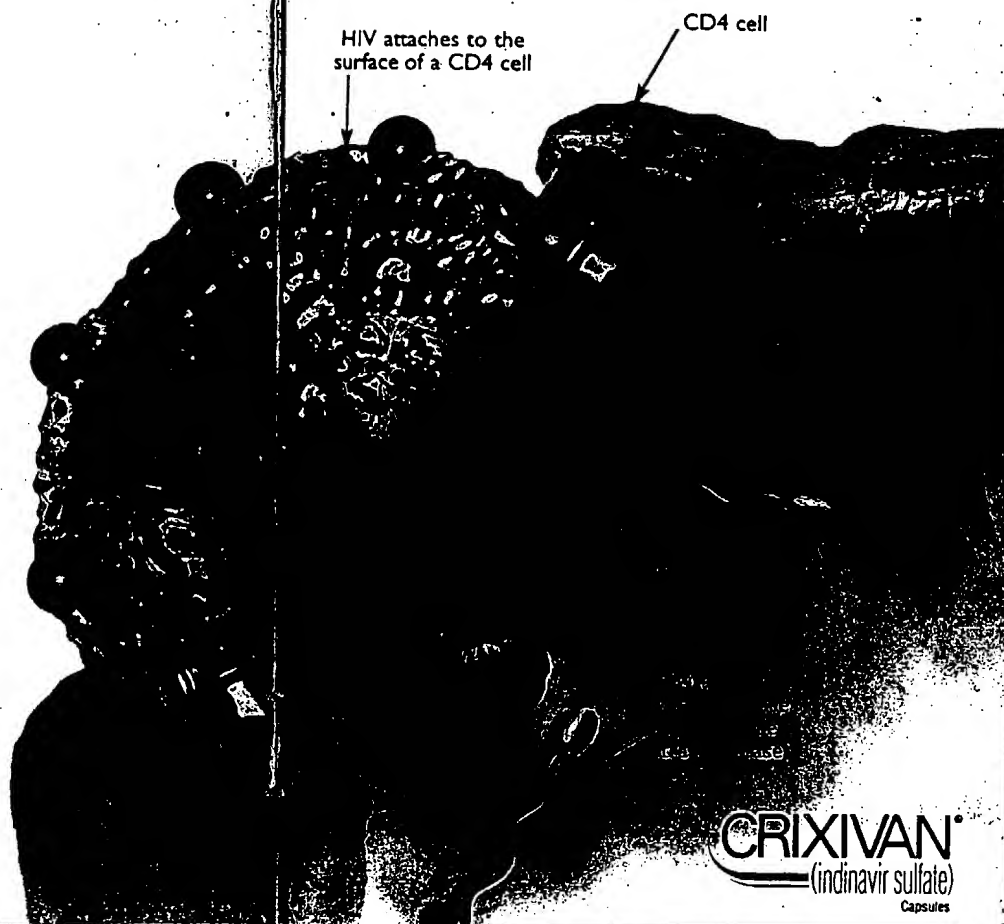
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**CRIVIAN**  
indinavir sulfate  
Capsules

HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, uses the body's CD4 cells to make copies of itself.

Once in the bloodstream, HIV attaches to the surface of a CD4 cell at specific sites. The virus enters the cell along with its single-stranded viral RNA (viral genes).

While the viral RNA carries instructions for producing more viruses, it must first undergo the next stages in the life cycle before replication can occur.



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## Things you should know about CRIVIAN

CRIVIAN is a powerful protease inhibitor used in combination therapy, and can help reduce the chance illnesses or death associated with HIV. In clinical study CRIVIAN in combination has been shown to keep patients' viral load (the amount of HIV in their bodies) undetectable levels (less than 500 copies/mL) for one and to increase important CD4 T-cells.

CRIVIAN is among the strongly recommended treatments for HIV in federal healthcare guidelines.\*

CRIVIAN:

- ▲ Is not a cure for HIV or AIDS
- ▲ Does not reduce your chances of transmitting HIV to others
- ▲ Should be taken only in combination with other drugs for HIV infection

Some patients treated with CRIVIAN may develop stones in the kidney or urinary tract. For some, this can lead to more severe kidney problems, including kidney failure. Drinking at least 6 glasses of water each day can help reduce the chance of forming these stones. Also, patients may experience rapid breakdown of red blood cells, and liver problems.

All protease inhibitors can increase blood sugar levels; diabetes in some people, and may increase bleeding from some hemophiliacs. Additionally, changes in body fat have been reported and some patients taking cholesterol-lowering medicines may experience severe muscle pain weakness when taking protease inhibitors.

\*Panel on Clinical Practices for Treatment of HIV Infection, Department of the Human Services (DHHS), Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-1 Infection, April 23, 2001.

Understanding how HIV infects the CD4 cell and how it replicates will explain the importance of taking several different medications to control the infection.

**Protease Inhibitors (PIs)**  
Stop the protease enzyme from cutting protein chains into the smaller pieces that are needed for new viruses. As a result, these new viruses are incomplete and cannot infect any other CD4 cells. The HIV virus may still be present in your system, but it will not be able to spread.

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Stop the reverse transcriptase enzyme so that the RNA cannot make DNA.

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**Additional things you should know  
about CRIXIVAN**

**ALERT:** Find out about medicines that should not be taken with **CRIXIVAN**. There are some common medications and AIDS-related medications you should not take with **CRIXIVAN**.

Additionally, severe muscle pain and weakness have occurred in patients also taking cholesterol-lowering medicines called "statins." Also, taking **CRIXIVAN** with any products containing St. John's wort, an herbal supplement, is not recommended because it may lead to increased viral load and possible resistance to **CRIXIVAN**. Discuss all medications you are taking or plan to take with your doctor.

Before you take **VIAGRA** (sildenafil) with **CRIXIVAN**, talk to your doctor about possible drug interactions and side effects. If you take **VIAGRA** and **CRIXIVAN** together, you may be at increased risk of side effects of **VIAGRA**, such as low blood pressure, visual changes, and penile erection lasting more than 4 hours. If an erection lasts longer than 4 hours, you should seek immediate medical assistance to avoid permanent damage to your penis. Your doctor can explain these symptoms to you.

You can take **CRIXIVAN** on an empty stomach, or with a light snack. It's important to take all of your medication according to your prescribed schedule. With **CRIXIVAN** and other HIV medicines, it is important NOT to skip a dose, take an extra dose, or take a "drug holiday."

For more detailed information about **CRIXIVAN**, please read the Patient Product Information in the pocket of this booklet. Also enclosed is a copy of the physician Prescribing Information.

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